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Docket No. 040106.90055

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Inoue et al.
Appl. No.: 10/054,267
Filing Date: January 22, 2002
Title: Cyclonic Vacuum Cleaner
Group Art Unit: 1744
Examiner: T. Till

REPLY TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An Amendment to the Specification begins at page 2.

The Remarks begin at page 3.